

Downtown Revitalization Committee
Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Newington Town Hall

- I. **Roll Call:** Chairman McBride, Mr. Banach, Mrs. Cohen, Mayor Lenares, Mr. Marocchini and Mr. Shields, Mr. Bottalico and Mr. Gerhart.

Others Present: Town Engineer, Anthony Ferraro; Town Planner, Ed Meehan; Engineer Consultant Gary Fontanella; Mr. Marsden, Mr. Seilar, and Mr. DeLucco.

II. **Public Participation**

NONE

III. **Minutes - February 14 and February 28, 2011**

Mrs. Cohen moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Mr. Shields and passed.

IV. **Market Square Streetscape Project**

Gary Fontanella, Milone and Mac Broom Consulting Engineers, reported to the Committee on possible options for alternate designs that could reduce project costs.

The Committee by consensus agreed to direct the project engineer as follows:

- A. Brick pavers are the preferred design over concrete sidewalks.
- B. Project funds should be used for off site improvements on private property. This was agreed as a practical approach to ensure proper drainage away from building fronts, consistency and quality of streetscape.
- C. Crosswalks at Main Street and Constance Leigh intersections will be painted instead of brick. The width size of the bump outs at the Constance Leigh end will be reduced.
- D. A third raised mid-block crosswalk will be added in the vicinity of the 64 Market Square, Kempo Karate.
- E. Granite curbing is preferred but a bid alternate cost for concrete extruded curbing will be requested.
- F. Bump outs (flush) will be presented as a bid alternate to a painted bump out.

Town Staff will contact the Town Attorney for guidance in securing temporary work access onto private property. This must be completed before the project construction starts.

The Committee requested Town staff to keep property owners and businesses informed of changes to the design plans. The Committee's decision to pay for improvements on private property will be reported to these owners.

The Committee is holding a Special Meeting, April 11, 2011 at 5:30 p.m., to present to property owners and businesses the streetscape design with the changes approved tonight.

V. Public Participation

Dave Marsden asked about the design for traffic flow and parking. Chairman McBride explained that the Committee is going forward with two way traffic (current status) and parallel on-street parking.

Tony DeLucco spoke in favor of the Committee's decision to pay for off site work, the location of new tree plantings in the public way and recommended the use of granite as the best long term curbing material on Market Square.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Submitted,

Edmund J. Meehan
Town Planner

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